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SUBJECT: RECOMMENDED DUTY INCREASES ON WOOD PRODUCTS

REF: A) CANBERRA 2195; B) CANBERRA 2062

1. SINCE IAC APRIL 5 HEARING COMPLETED AND REPORT RECOMMENDING INCREASES PRESUMABLY FORWARDED TO INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, ASSUME EMBASSY WILL BE MAKING APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATION TO GOA AUTHORITIES OUTLINING U.S. CONCERN OVER PROPOSED INCREASES IN CONTEXT OUR EXPORT INTERESTS IN AUSTRALIA, MUTUAL OBJECTIVE REDUCING TRADE BARRIERS IN MTN, AND FACTORS CITED REFTELS WHY AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY DOES NOT REQUIRE INCREASED PROTECTION.

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2. PLEASE ADVISE CURRENT STATE OF PLAY ON INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE REVIEW AND RESULTS EMBASSY REPRESENTATION. IF NOW AVAILABLE, PLEASE POUCH COPY OF IAC REPORT TO FAR EAST DIVISION (ROOM 4026), BIEPR OFFICE OF COUNTRY AFFAIRS IN COMMERCE.

3. FYI:WEYERHAEUSER SALES V-P PAUL KAY CONTACTED COM-

MERCE DEMANDING EMBASSY PROTEST IAC RECOMMENDATION THAT A
COMMON DUTY BE SET AT 15 PERCENT FOR WOOD PRODUCTS
THEREBY INCREASING DUTIES ON A NUMBER OF ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO U.S. EXPORTERS. REMINDED KAY THAT EMBASSY HAD PROVIDED
GUIDANCE TO U.S. EXPORTERS AND ASSOCIATIONS AS WELL AS
THEIR AUSTRALIAN IMPORTERS ON SUBMITTING EVIDENCE TO THE
IAC. KAY ADVISES THAT WEYERHAUSER AUSTRALIA MANAGING
DIRECTOR PAUL DARNOCK MAY CONTACT COMATT TO DISCUSS SITUA-
TION. CHRISTOPHER

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